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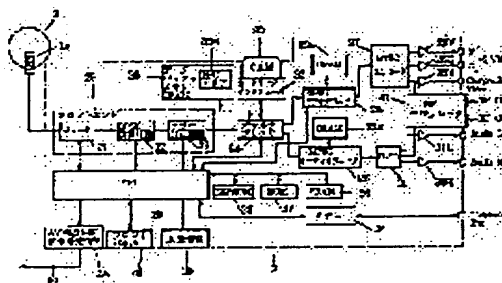| (51)Int.Cl.	HO4N	5/44
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(54) DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE DISPLAY

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To naturally limit the viewing of a program by identifying a viewer who views the program and selecting the reduced screen of an electronic program guide corresponding to the identified result.

SOLUTION: A CPU 29 controls an MPEG video decoder 25 and a password input screen is displayed on a monitoring device. A user inputs a memorized password corresponding to the message of the screen. The CPU 29 confirms the operation of a selection button switch and erasures the password input screen. Then, whether or not the inputted password matches with the password registerdd in an EEPROM 38 beforehand is judged. The release of a parental lock is not executed when the two passwords do not match and the release of the parental lock is executed when matching is judged. When the lock is released, the CPU 29 controls the decoder 25, and when the program of an adult category is present, selects it similarly to the other normal programs and displays it on the monitoring device.

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